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A.—(a) The services of 161 temporary compositors were dispensed with during 1931, owing to slackness of work. This number leaves out of account those re-entertained in the course of the year. In addition, eight composing machine operators were discharged for inefficiency and irregular attendance, and new men were appointed in their places. The total number of pieceworkers in the composing departments at the beginning of the year was 283 including the eight composing machine operators discharged and the number on the rolls at the end of 1931 was 122 including the newly appointed composing machine operators.

(b) Eighty-six temporary compositors were re-entertained owing to general increase of work and the transfer of settlement work from private presses to the Government Press.

Working hours of the B.M. Press, Mangalore.

* 558 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the B.M. Press, Mangalore, made representations to the Inspector of Factories, Madras, and the Collector of South Kanara bringing to their notice the fact that they are made to work longer hours every day than is allowed by the Factories Act; and

(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take regarding the same and to enforce the strict observance of the rules regarding hours of work prescribed by the Factories Act in the said factory in future?

A.—(a) An anonymous petition was received by the Chief Inspector of Factories in October 1932 and another petition in December 1933 alleging that certain operatives of the press were made to work longer than the prescribed hours of work. No representation was received by the Collector of South Kanara.

(b) The petitions were enquired into by the Inspector of Factories and it was found that the allegations were unfounded. As the provisions of the Indian Factories Act were not violated no action was necessary.

Administration of Justice

Cancellation of pleaders' sanads for participation in the Civil Disobedience Movement.

* 559 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many advocates, how many High Court vakils and how many pleaders are practising in each district in this Presidency;

(b) what the rate is of fees collected for the grant of sanad to each;

(c) in how many cases the sanads have been cancelled in each district during 1931 and 1932 for improper behaviour;

(*d*) whether sanads have been cancelled for taking part in the Civil Disobedience Movement; and

(*e*) if so, in how many such cases the sanads have been cancelled and who the victims are?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] showing the number of advocates, High Court vakils and pleaders in each district and in the city of Madras is laid on the table.

(*b*) (i) For the grant of certificate—

Before the Indian Bar Councils Act, 1926, came into force to an advocate or a High Court vakil Rs. 625;

After the Indian Bar Councils Act, 1926, came into force to an advocate Rs. 625.

(ii) For the grant of a sanad—

To a first-grade pleader for each year Rs. 25.

To a second-grade pleader for each year Rs. 15.

(*c*) In one case in North Arcot during 1931 and in two cases in Guntur during 1932.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Forests

Memorandum on forest grievances submitted by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association.

* 560 *Q*.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently he has received a copy of the memorandum on forest grievances submitted by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association; if so, whether he will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House; and

(*b*) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to his question No. 553 on the same subject.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know, Sir, when the orders could be expected on the memorandum?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I told my hon. Friend the other day that I would do my best to pass orders as early as possible."

Memorandum from the Landholders' Association of South Kanara regarding the withdrawal of forest concessions.

* 561 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received a memorandum from the Landholders' Association of South Kanara regarding the withdrawal of forest concessions; and

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 302 infra.